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FROM : Chief, D/A/RR

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Documentary Material Dealing With East-West Trade

1. Designated personnel of this Division have reviewed the subject material and offer the following evaluation.

2. The material is of three-fold value, viz., (a) it contains detailed and specific information as to the circuitous techniques, mechanisms, and channels employed by the Soviets and their intermediaries to procure strategic commodities from the West; (b) it furnishes names of firms and individuals engaged in the business of selling, procuring, financing and transporting such commodities to the Soviet bloc; and (c) it offers confirmation of "bits and pieces" of intelligence available to CIA, obtained from other sources. In this last category, it is especially valuable as further evidence of the need of the Soviet bloc for certain strategic materials, e.g., copper, aluminum, concrete reinforcing rods, etc., often considered by other agencies of the U. S. Government as not being in short supply in the Soviet bloc.

3. It will be recalled that this Agency has recently been involved in discussions at the East-West Trade Committee of the NSC on the general subject of shipments of Chilean copper to the Soviet bloc. The subject material contains a wealth of information on this subject, indicating the attitude of the Chilean government, current licensing procedure in that country which enables the Soviets to procure copper via third countries, e.g., Israel, and other related material of significance to U.S. export control policy.

4. Consideration should be given to the possibility (within appropriate security safeguards) of utilizing this information outside CIA. At present, its chief value lies in its use as confirmation of intelligence now available to CIA. Dissemination of selected portions of the material to the NSC, the Department of State, and the Investigation Staff, Department of Commerce, would be of assistance in strengthening the U.S. export control program.

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